

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: August 2,1999 3:00 p.m. Temperatures for this past period were warmer than normal and very dry in most areas. Temperatures reached an upward of 106 degrees in some areas of the state with most areas at or above 100 degrees all week. Most crops were reported in good condition according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 22 percent very short, 55 percent short, 23 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing hay harvest, irrigating corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and warm season forage, scouting for sheath blight in rice, making mid-season nitrogen applications to rice, putting down lime.

CROPS: Spraying of cotton for boll weevils and bullworms were reported. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and soybean fields. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in good condition, but the hot and humid weather was causing deaths in poultry and livestock. Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				1	9	38	43	9
Headed	88	86	80					
Turning Color	22	24	26					
COTTON				0	4	26	51	19
Squaring	100	100	100					
Setting Bolls	97	97	95					
RICE				0	2	24	50	24
Headed	40	49	45					
Harvested	0	0	0					
SOYBEANS				2	10	32	45	11
Blooming	67	68	56					
Setting Pods	26	27	23					
CORN				0	2	24	52	22
ALFALFA				1	6	32	52	9
OTH. HAY				2	10	37	46	5
PASTURE				2	15	38	41	4

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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